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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: WIRETAP RECORDS

1. DURING NIXON ADMINISTRATION, I WAS ONE OF THOSE IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHOSE TELEPHONE WAS TAPPED BY THE FBI. HOWEVER, I WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THIS FACT UNTIL AFTER I ASSUMED MY DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR IN MANILA. I SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OBTAIN RECORDS OF THE WIRETAP FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND FORWARD THEM TO ME IN MANILA. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NEVER COMPLIED WITH THIS REQUEST.

2. DURING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WERE BRIEFED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE WIRETAPS FILES AS THEY CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. I ASSUME MY FILE WAS INVOLVED IN THIS BRIEFING. I THEREFORE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE BRIEFING GIVEN THE SFRC INsofar AS IT PERTAINED TO ME. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NEVER COMPLIED WITH THIS REQUEST.

3. CONSEQUENT UPON MY NOMINATION TO BE AMBASSADOR TO
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IRAN, I SHALL SOON APPEAR BEFORE THE SFRC FOR CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. BEFORE MAKING THAT APPEARANCE, I SHALL WISH TO HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED (A) THE FBI FILE ON MY WIRETAP, AND (B) THE FULL TEXT OF THE BRIEFING GIVEN TO SFRC MEMBERS CONCERNING MY WIRETAP.

4. I CONSIDER THAT I HAVE BEEN VERY PATIENT WITH REGARD

TO THIS MATTER BUT ALSO CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT I
OBTAIN SATISFACTION OF MY INTERESTS PRIOR TO MY
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU
INSTITUTE ACTION WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN A TIMELY
MANNER SO THAT I MAY HAVE THE FILRES FOR REVIEW UPON MY
ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MAY.

5. PLEASE CABLE ME IMMEDIATELY IF YOU FORESEE PROBLEMS
IN THIS REGARD. IN ABSENCE OF A REPLY FROM YOU, I
SHALL EXPECT TO OBTAIN THE FILES THROUGH YOUR OFFICE
WHEN I CALL THERE ON OR ABOUT MAY 5.
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